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Creekside Commentary

Work Begins

Work has begun on the cleanup of Dead Creek. Here are a few of the things you may have noticed or will soon see:

Week of October 23: A USEPA Order issued to Solutia May 31, 2000 requires the removal of all sediments in Dead Creek and placement in an approved containment cell. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) will oversee all work. In preparation for this work, a gravel lot was constructed on Judith Lane to accommodate two construction trailers and parking for workers. The two trailers will provide field offices for the USEPA, Maverick Construction Company and other field operations personnel.

October 23 through the end of November: Dewatering work begins on the creek. Dewatering means drying out the creek bed in preparation for removal of the sediments (creek bottoms). High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe will be installed along the length of the creek, beginning with the area between Queeny Avenue and Judith Lane. The HDPE pipe will eventually extend to



Culvert work through late November.

the western side of Route 3. It will take several months to dry out the creek sediments. Once the sediments are dry, they will be removed and placed in the cell without the need for further drying.

Culvert work at Cargill Road through late November: This work will improve flow in the creek. You may have seen Cahokia police stationed near this work. Solutia is paying the Village of Cahokia to have off-duty police officers secure the area on Cargill Road due to the high volume of tractor-trailer traffic going to the river and the heavy construction equipment crossing the road on a frequent basis. Police officers also ensure the safety of residents by allowing only authorized personnel near the construction zone.

As part of "Creekside Commentary," a new newsletter for the area, Solutia's Krummrich Plant will put you to work to keep you informed of the happenings in the area. If you have questions, concerns or comments, please contact Linda Underhower at the Solutia Community Relations Department at (312) 910-2332.

main. The water company was held responsible for the break and repaired the main promptly.

and cell construction should be made in early 2001, with the sediment excavation and cell construction beginning in early spring.

Solutia has shared the data from these samples with the homeowners. Solutia supports USEPA's opinion with respect to these soil samples that "Preliminary results show no unsafe levels of metals, PCBs, or other contaminants associated with Dead Creek contamination."

Ground water, surface water, creek sediment and air samples have also been collected in the area. The data has been sent to the USEPA. Solutia's experts will conduct a detailed analysis of the data, which should be completed by spring 2001. When approved by the USEPA, this data will be available in the Cahokia Public Library.

If you have questions or comments about any aspect of this project, feel free to contact Don Ridenhower at the Solutia Community Hotline number: (618) 910-2332.

Solutia has agreed to work with the USEPA to remove sediments from Dead Creek, which runs through Sauget and Cahokia. Solutia is taking this project on alone, even though there are a number of other companies responsible for the environmentally affected sediments in the creek.

The schedule now calls for creek dewatering to begin in November, acquiring work plan approvals for the sediment excavation and cell construction in late November and then going out for bid on the project to build the 50,000 cubic yard containment cell for the creek sediments.

The cell will be located between Judith Lane and Queeny Avenue. Bid awards for the sediment excavation